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**In re Application of:**

**N. Sandor Racz**

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 30, 1999. A reply to outstanding Office Action is due without a fee on December 30, 1999. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1, 9, and 13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

2. (Amended) The lock washer of claim [1] <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, wherein each of said tube engagement flanges is resilient.